

TIME NOT RIPE FOR CONFERENCE

No Meeting at The Hague Until
After the War.

HAY SENDS SECOND NOTE

MATTER WILL REST FOR THE
PRESENT.

Washington, Dec. 23.—That the further interchange of views preparatory to the formulation of a programme for another peace conference at The Hague be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague is the suggestion offered by Secretary Hay in a second circular note to the powers made public at the state department today. The note was dispatched a week ago, but its publication was withheld until it had reached the various American embassies and legations abroad. The secretary summarizes the replies of all the powers to his note of Oct. 21 and expresses the gratification of the president at the cordial reception of his invitation. Having taken this initial step, however, the secretary says the president feels that he has gone as far as he appropriately can and that with the general acceptance of his invitation the principle, "the future conduct of the affair may fitly follow its normal channels."

Regarding the conditional acceptance of Russia Secretary Hay says that while the postponement of this reply necessitates it to be regretted this government recognizes the weight of the notice which induced it.

Secretary Hay's Note.
The text of the note follows:
"Department of State,
"Washington, Dec. 16, 1904.
"To the Representatives of the governments
signatory to the acts of The Hague
conference, 1899:

"Sir:—By the circular instruction dated Oct. 21, 1904, the representatives of the United States accredited to the several governments which took part in the peace conference held at The Hague in 1899, and which joined in signing the act thereof were instructed to bring to the notice of those governments certain resolutions adopted by the inter-parliamentary union at its annual conference held at St. Louis in September last, advocating the assembling of a second peace conference to continue the work of the first, and were directed to ascertain to what extent those governments were disposed to act in the matter.

Received With Favor.

"The replies so far received indicate that the proposition has been received with general favor. No dissent has been expressed. The governments of Austria-Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Spain, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland exhibit sympathy with the purposes of the proposal and generally accept it in principle with a reservation in most cases of future consideration of the date of the conference and the programme of subjects for discussion. The replies of Japan and Russia conveyed in like terms a friendly recognition of the spirit and purposes of the invitation, but on the part of Russia the reply was accompanied by the statement that in the existing condition of things in the far east it would not be practicable for the imperial government, at this moment to take part in such a conference. While this reply, tending as it does not cause some postponement of the proposed second conference is deeply regretted, the weight of the motive which induces it is recognized by this government and probably by others. Japan made the reservation only that no action should be taken by the conference relative to the present war.

Conference Deferred.

"Although the prospect of an early convocation of an august assembly of representatives of the nations in the interest of peace and harmony among them is deferred for the time being, it may be regarded as assured so soon as the interested powers are in a position to agree upon a date and place of meeting and to join in the formulation of a general plan for discussion. The president is much gratified at the cordial reception of his overtures. He feels that in eliciting the common sentiment of the various governments in favor of the principle involved and of the objects sought to be attained a notable step has been taken toward eventual success.

"Pending a definite agreement for meeting when circumstances shall permit it seems desirable that a comparison of views should be had among the participants as to the scope and matter of the subjects to be brought before the second conference. The invitation put forth by the government of the United States did not attempt to do more than to indicate the general topics which the final act of the first conference of The Hague relegated as unfinished matters, the consideration by a future conference—advertising in connection with the important subject of the inviolability of private property in naval warfare, to the like views expressed by the congress of the United States in its resolution April 25, 1904, with the added suggestion that it may be desirable to consider and adopt a procedure by which the states signatory to the original acts of The Hague conference may become adhering parties.

Programme Postponed.

"In the present state of the project, this government is still indisposed to formulate a programme. In view of the virtual certainty that the president's suggestion of The Hague as the place of meeting of a second peace conference will be accepted by all the interested powers, and in view also of the fact that an original representation of the signatories of the acts of 1899 now exists at that capital, this government feels that it should not assume the initiative in drawing up a programme not preside over the deliberations of the signatories in that regard. It seems to the president that the high task he undertook in seeking to bring about an agreement of the powers to meet in a second peace conference is virtually accomplished so far as it is appropriate for him to act, and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle the future conduct of the affair may fitly follow its normal channels. To this end it is suggested that the further and necessary interchange of views between the signatory powers of the acts of 1899 be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague. It is believed in this way by utilizing the central representative agency established and maintained by the powers themselves, an orderly treatment of the preliminary consultations may be insured and the way left clear for the eventual action of the government of The Netherlands in calling a renewed conference to assemble at The Hague, should that course be adopted.

"You will bring this communication to the knowledge of the minister for foreign affairs and invite consideration of the suggestions herein made.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"JOHN HAY."

LOBSTERS COME FROM THE EAST

Terrapin Arrived on the Mar-
ket From Maryland.

CHRISTMAS RUSH BEGINS

NO CHANGES ARE MADE IN THE
QUOTATIONS.

Eastern lobsters were shipped to the local market for the first time this season yesterday, and they came just in time for the Christmas trade. The dealers had their orders in some time ago and the demand has been so heavy that the next two weeks. The retail price was quoted at 45c apiece, and before the lobsters were sold, there was a big demand for all kinds of vegetables. The dairy products were steady yesterday and no changes were made in the quotations.

Yesterday's retail quotations:

Meat.
Beef, 15c to 25c per pound. Veal, prime, 12 1/2c to 20c. Mutton, 8c to 15c. Pork, 12c to 20c. Dressed lamb, 12c to 25c; lamb chops, 15c to 25c.

Fish.
Sea bass, 15c a pound. Salt codfish, 12c a pound. Barracuda, 15c per pound. Trout, large size, 20c per pound. Salmon, 17 1/2c. Halibut, 15c. Striped bass, 20c per pound. Whitefish, 20c per pound. Mackinaw trout, 20c per pound. Sole and flounders, 12 1/2c per pound. Catfish, 15c per pound. Perch, 15c per pound. Salt mackerel, 10c to 15c. Snails, 15c per pound. Utah catfish, 15c per pound. Fresh codfish, 15c per pound. Lobsters, California, 17 1/2c per pound. Oysters, extra select, 60c per quart can; 40c a dozen. New York oysters, 2c a can; 25c a dozen. Prawns, 40c per pound. Smoked salmon, 2c per pound. Bloaters, 1c each. Finns, haddies, 17 1/2c per pound. Blue points, 10c shell, 3c per dozen. California crabs, 20c each. Eastern lobsters, 45c each.

Poultry.
Hens, live, 12c; dressed 15c per pound. Spring chickens, dressed, 15c per pound. Turkeys, 2c a pound.

Dairy Products.
Butter, creamery, 20c per pound. Ranch, 15c to 20c per pound. Eggs, 25c to 30c per dozen. Cheese, Utah cream, 15c to 20c per pound; eastern, 20c; Limburger, 20c; Imported Swiss, 40c; brick, 25c. Honey, comb, 15c box; strained, 25c per pint.

Vegetables.
Paranips, 20c per peck. Potatoes, new Utah, 20c per peck. Sweet potatoes, 3c a pound for 2c. Radishes, 2 1/2c per bunch. Cauliflower, Utah, 10c each. Lima beans, 10c per pound. Turnips, 2c a bunch. Young beets, 25c per bunch. Parsley, 5c per bunch. Lettuce, 20c per bunch. Cabbage, 10c per bunch. Pickling onions, 5c per peck; very scarce. Celery, 5c a bunch. Peppers, green, 10c a pound. Yellow squash, 5c. Summer squash, 5c each. Hubbard squash, 15c each. Egg plant, 5c each. Cabbage, white, 3c per pound; red, 5c per pound. Vegetable marrow, 2 for 15c. Dills, 5c bunch. Pumpkins, 15c. Winter watermelons, 15c to 35c. Cranberries, 10c quart.

Fruits.
Black grapes, 12 1/2c per pound; 75c a basket. Lemons, 30c to 35c per dozen. Figs, 15c per package. Navel oranges, 40c to 50c per dozen. Bananas, 15c to 40c per bunch. Utah watermelon, 10c. Apples, 20c to 40c per peck. Pears, Utah, 25c per pound; 30c to 35c a peck. Cranberries, 2 quarts for 25c. Pineapples, 25c each. Quinces, 40c per peck. Coconuts, 10c each. California strawberries, 20c a box. Tangerine oranges, 25c per dozen.

Grain.
Bran and shorts, \$1.10 per hundred. Corn, \$1.50 per hundred. Oats, \$1.50 per hundred. Milling wheat, \$1.10 per bushel. Feed wheat, \$1 per bushel. Barley, feed, \$1.25; rolled, \$1.50. Cornmeal, \$1.50.

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REGULAR ARMY VETERAN RE-ENLISTS AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

Regimental Sergeant Major Adolph Wells re-enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Infantry at Fort Douglas yesterday morning after having completed twenty-two years' actual service under the stars and stripes.

Sergeant Major Wells is the typical soldier. His face is brown with the tan of a tropical sun, his hair tinged with grey which tells of service and age. He is not a young man in years, but in body he is as sprightly as the most active "rookie" and as straight as the most Indian in his bearing. His rigid training in the ranks of Uncle Sam's army have put on him the stamp of a soldier and from that he could not depart if it should be his desire. Walking down the pavement of thearrison sidewalk, he could be distinguished from all others at the post by his martial appearance.

Withal he is modest and declines to discuss his career in the army.

Adolph Wells enlisted for the first time in the second cavalry in 1882 and served as a private until 1884 when he was promoted to rank as corporal. Promotion has come to him steadily since that time. He served until 1885 in the mounted branch of the service in Cuba. As first sergeant of company C of this fighting regiment he was leading his platoon in the charge up San Juan hill. From the Second regiment he went to the Twenty-ninth when it was organized in 1891. At this time he was given the stripes of sergeant major of the

First battalion and served in that position until August of the present year, when he was promoted to rank as regimental sergeant major.

With his twenty-two years of service and with the five years' foreign service which is doubled, making twenty-seven on the record, he has but three years yet to serve before being retired.

Sergeant Major Wells' stories would be rich in material for a Richard Harding Davis novel. His reticence, though in telling of his army experiences when he thinks he is to be quoted prevents giving to the press many thrilling anecdotes of military life in many climes.

Post Commissary Sergeant Otto D. D. of Post Douglas is confined to his home with a severe attack of typhoid.

Regimental Commissary Sergeant Paul Ehler invited the non-commissioned officers of the regiment to his quarters last night to celebrate in a smother, his last day of bachelorhood.

Tomorrow is his wedding day. Chaplain P. T. Brockmann will give a special Christmas service tonight in the chapel at Fort Douglas.

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INDICTED BY GRAND JURY.

Troubles of Isaac N. Perry Evidently
Not Over.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The grand jury today returned two indictments against Isaac N. Perry, former president of the National Bank of America. The indictments charge him with arson in connection with the burning of the plant of the Chicago Car & Locomotive works at Hegewisch, Ill. He was president of the Locomotive company, which was in financial difficulties. The works were heavily insured. Mr. Perry was acquitted on a preliminary examination before a jury in the police court. An accusation against him was subsequently carried before the grand jury.

On Your Memoranda

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